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Sir:

In accordance with the Applicant's duty to disclose information which may be material to the examination of this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that the Examiner consider on the merits the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (modified) before issuing the next Office Action on the merits. Copies of the foreign patent documents and the non-patent publications listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (modified) are enclosed herewith for the Examiner's convenience. Copies of the U.S. patent documents and/or U.S. patent application publications listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (modified) are not enclosed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(ii).

German Document No. 196 39 644 A1 is not in English. An English-language explanation of the relevance of German Document No. 196 39 644 can be found in the enclosed English-language abstract and translation.

It should be noted that the above-identified application may be related by subject matter to the following U.S. Application(s): 09/511,342, filed February 23, 2000 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,662,316 B1). Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56(a) and M.P.E.P. 2004, paragraph 9, the applicant brings these co-pending applications to the attention of the Examiner. The Examiner should consider this information during the prosecution of the above-identified

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application. However, citation of these applications does not constitute an admission that the claims of the present application are substantially similar or similar to those of the applications listed above.

The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made (37 C.F.R. 1.97(g)), an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability, or that no other material information exists.

This IDS is being submitted after receiving an Office Action on the merits, but before receiving a Final Rejection or Notice of Allowance, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 08-2025 \$180.00 (or any other required amount), which is the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c). A duplicate of this paper is attached. Thus, this IDS should be fully considered on the merits, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d).

This paper is not being filed as a response to the Office Action issued April 27, 2005. A response to that Office Action will be made with a separate filing.

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The person making this statement is the practitioner who signs below on the basis of information supplied by an individual associated with the filing and prosecution of this application (37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c)) and on the basis of information in the practitioner's file.

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Respectfully submitted,

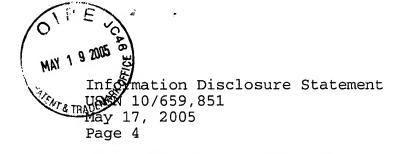
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